

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Court House, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty eighth day of September 2010 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Eric Workman, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator, Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the September 28, 2010, Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Jason Ramsey.

The Pledge was led by Chairman Mr. Blessing.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the September 28, 2010 meeting agenda with changes.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

*****MOTION to approve the September 28, 2010 Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of the August 21, 2010, August 24, 2010, August 30, 2010, September 1, 2010, and September 2, 2010, bills for the month of September 2010, in the amount of \$233,681.48, payrolls of Sept. 1, 2010, and September 16, 2010, totaling \$185,837.62, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling, were made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen. Hodock, yes.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2010 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the July 2010, Social Services' report in the amount of \$69,591.33, with the local allotment of \$8,705.62, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

SCHOOLS OCTOBER 2010 REQUISTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' October 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2010, and August 31, 2010, and approve the check registers/vendor payments for August 11, 2010 and August 17, 2010, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner briefed the Board regarding the Real Estate, and Personal Property tax books advising that the totals are up some from last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported auditors had finished the preliminary work; tax tickets to be mailed Oct 15th; dog tags on sale Oct. 1, 2010; and work is commencing on the 2011 county decal design.

PARKS & RECREATION

Randy Moler, reported on the \$30,000 fitness equipment purchased with the grant from the Wythe-Bland Foundation, and the savings of \$1,500.00 would be used to hire a contractor to install the equipment.

GENERAL REGISTRAR

Stacy Grady, General Registrar of Voters offered information regarding redistricting.

ROUND THE MTN

Steve Hermansen, presented an overview of the activities to include Round the Mtn., status of Heartland and the Artisan Trail maps.

PROJECT MANAGER

Audra Repass, Project Manager, advised of the groundbreaking for the Ceres gym project scheduled for October 3, 2010.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint John Martin to the Economic Development Authority, a 4 yr. term to expire 9-30-2014 and reappoint Linda Townley, to the Economic Development Authority, a 4 yr. term to expire 9-30-2014, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

Local Board of Building Code of Appeals

*****MOTION to appoint Mike Shelton as an alternate to the Local Board of Building Code of Appeals, for a term of October 1, 2010 to expire September 30, 2014 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

EDA ADDITIONAL MEMBER SUGGESTION

The County Attorney was directed to look into the legality of a Board of Supervisor members' appointment to the Economic Development Authority and report to the Board.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to appoint Eric Workman as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority; New River Valley Criminal Justice Board (alternate); Set-off Debt Collection Appeals; Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Auth. (alt.); Chief Local Elected Official (CLEOS) alternate; Southwest Regional Enterprise Center (SREC); Ninth District Development Financing Committee; Virginia's aCorridor; Bland County's representative to the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce and the County's Emergency Management Services Coordinator, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Frederick, resident, expressed concern for more security within the county and requested a light be installed on the corner of the Historical Society's office building.

Elmer Chewning, resident, appeared before the Board with the request and his opinion of the need of a 5th board member.

Shirley Cox, resident, reported on State Rt. 612, advising that nothing had been done on the replacement of the bridge near Salem Church as advised by VDOT. Mrs. Cox also requested that the County get in touch with the governor in regard to the monies that he has "found" and try to get this road improved.

There was a brief discussion on the vandalism at the Crab Orchard Park.

HOWLETT PROCLAMATION

Chairman Henry Blessing read the Proclamation acknowledging Willie Howlett for his service to Bland County as County Administrator. Mr. Howlett was also presented a signed and framed map of the County.

CSA 2010-2011 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the expenditure and revenue 2010-2011 budgets in the amount of \$51,868.00. \$41,098.84 to be state funding and \$10,769.16 to be the local match was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury. The local match to be paid from the county's reserves.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

LOCAL VDOT CONTACTS

*****MOTION to send a letter to VDOT requesting reinstatement of local Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) contacts was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

VACo 2010 CONFERENCE VOTING CREDENTIALS

Chairman Mr. Blessing stated he would be staying to vote personally.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT LIST DECLARED

*****MOTION to approve the surplus list as presented and dispose of accordingly to policy was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

MT TOP HOLINESS CHURCH ELECTRICAL & MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT FEE WAIVER

*****MOTION to waive the \$45.90 electrical & miscellaneous permit fee as requested by the Mt. Top Holiness Church was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

COUNTY OF BLAND PLUMBING PERMIT FEE WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the \$15.30 plumbing permit fee for the Mechanicsburg Community Cannery was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

COUNTY OF BLAND ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PERMIT FEE WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the \$30.60 electrical upgrade permit fee for the Mechanicsburg Cannery was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

FESTIVAL OF LEAVES SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Special Entertainment Permit Application for the Festival of Leaves was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

2010 HALLOWEEN OBSERVED

*****MOTION to observe Halloween to Saturday, October 30, 2010 instead of Sunday, the 31st, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 2010-2011 BUDGET

*****MOTION to move \$1,000.00 from the seized asset and appropriate to the Commonwealth Attorney's 2010-2011 budget, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

K-12 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES

*****MOTION to adopt a Resolution in support of reducing the number and the costs of educational mandates, mirroring off the County of Matthews' Resolution and send copies to the House and Senate was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

EMPLOYEE ADDED BENEFIT DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to appropriate \$220.61 to the Employee Added Benefit Department for the final quarter committed was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; Karen Hodock, yes

FAIRGROUNDS LEASE DISCUSSED

*****MOTION that the County Administrator and the County Attorney draft a 1 yr. lease, with the Fair Association regarding the fairgrounds and present to the Board at the October 2010 meeting, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, no; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

CLOSED SESSION *****“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a Personnel and a Real Property matter, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 and 3, of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes and Karen Hodock, yes.

“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes: Nick Asbury, yes;

HOWLETT CONTINUES TO SERVE EMERGENCY SVC COORDINATOR

Due to the exiting circumstances and further evaluations of the RFP responders, *****MOTION to retain Willie Howlett as Emergency Svcs. Coordinator for the month of October 2010, at the amount of \$1,000.00, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes: Nick Asbury, yes;

WORKMAN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the County Administrator's employment contract as discussed was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes: Nick Asbury, yes;

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned until October 26, 2010, to the Bland County Courthouse.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Eric R. Workman, County Administrator